

Labour Force Activity for British Columbia and Canada - Annual Averages

British Columbia

	Population 15 Years and Over		Labour Force						Not in Labour Force		Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
	(000's)	Annual % Change	Total (000's)	Annual % Change	Employed (000's)	Annual % Change	Unemployed (000's)	Annual % Change	(000's)	Annual % Change	(%)	(%)	(%)
1976	1,875.5		1,158.7		1,060.9		97.7		716.8		61.8	8.4	56.6
1977	1,921.6	2.5	1,188.3	2.6	1,089.1	2.7	99.2	1.5	733.3	2.3	61.8	8.3	56.7
1978	1,972.2	2.6	1,240.0	4.4	1,137.5	4.4	102.5	3.3	732.2	-0.2	62.9	8.3	57.7
1979	2,027.0	2.8	1,288.2	3.9	1,188.5	4.5	99.6	-2.8	738.9	0.9	63.6	7.7	58.6
1980	2,098.1	3.5	1,357.2	5.4	1,266.4	6.6	90.7	-8.9	740.9	0.3	64.7	6.7	60.4
1981	2,166.5	3.3	1,416.0	4.3	1,319.6	4.2	96.4	6.3	750.5	1.3	65.4	6.8	60.9
1982	2,208.9	2.0	1,426.8	0.8	1,253.4	-5.0	173.3	79.8	782.2	4.2	64.6	12.1	56.7
1983	2,240.4	1.4	1,445.7	1.3	1,244.9	-0.7	200.9	15.9	794.7	1.6	64.5	13.9	55.6
1984	2,276.5	1.6	1,464.8	1.3	1,245.1	0.0	219.8	9.4	811.6	2.1	64.3	15.0	54.7
1985	2,306.6	1.3	1,491.2	1.8	1,273.5	2.3	217.8	-0.9	815.3	0.5	64.6	14.6	55.2
1986	2,335.1	1.2	1,524.0	2.2	1,326.8	4.2	197.2	-9.5	811.0	-0.5	65.3	12.9	56.8
1987	2,371.2	1.5	1,566.8	2.8	1,377.7	3.8	189.2	-4.1	804.3	-0.8	66.1	12.1	58.1
1988	2,419.0	2.0	1,598.8	2.0	1,434.6	4.1	164.2	-13.2	820.2	2.0	66.1	10.3	59.3
1989	2,477.2	2.4	1,659.3	3.8	1,508.3	5.1	151.0	-8.0	817.8	-0.3	67.0	9.1	60.9
1990	2,545.9	2.8	1,703.0	2.6	1,559.6	3.4	143.4	-5.0	842.8	3.1	66.9	8.4	61.3
1991	2,616.2	2.8	1,750.8	2.8	1,577.5	1.1	173.3	20.9	865.5	2.7	66.9	9.9	60.3
1992	2,690.4	2.8	1,799.8	2.8	1,617.2	2.5	182.6	5.4	890.6	2.9	66.9	10.1	60.1
1993	2,770.5	3.0	1,847.8	2.7	1,668.0	3.1	179.8	-1.5	922.7	3.6	66.7	9.7	60.2
1994	2,858.9	3.2	1,918.4	3.8	1,743.2	4.5	175.2	-2.6	940.4	1.9	67.1	9.1	61.0
1995	2,944.5	3.0	1,950.9	1.7	1,785.6	2.4	165.4	-5.6	993.6	5.7	66.3	8.5	60.6
1996	3,029.0	2.9	1,988.4	1.9	1,816.4	1.7	172.0	4.0	1,040.6	4.7	65.6	8.7	60.0
1997	3,098.7	2.3	2,030.6	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	170.1	-1.1	1,068.1	2.6	65.5	8.4	60.0
1998	3,139.1	1.3	2,038.3	0.4	1,858.4	-0.1	179.9	5.8	1,100.8	3.1	64.9	8.8	59.2
1999	3,173.5	1.1	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	1,108.7	0.7	65.1	8.3	59.7
2000	3,210.6	1.2	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	1,130.7	2.0	64.8	7.1	60.2
2001	3,255.4	1.4	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	1,172.8	3.7	64.0	7.7	59.0
2002	3,299.7	1.4	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	1,152.0	-1.8	65.1	8.5	59.6
2003	3,340.5	1.2	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	1,149.8	-0.2	65.6	8.0	60.3
2004	3,389.8	1.5	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	1,167.9	1.6	65.5	7.2	60.9
2005	3,447.9	1.7	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	1,184.5	1.4	65.6	5.9	61.8
2006	3,511.0	1.8	2,305.1	1.8	2,195.5	3.1	109.6	-17.5	1,205.9	1.8	65.7	4.8	62.5
2007	3,571.4	1.7	2,366.4	2.7	2,266.3	3.2	100.0	-8.8	1,205.0	-0.1	66.3	4.2	63.5

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1976	17,058.0		10,491.3		9,747.5		743.8		6,566.8		61.5	7.1	57.1
1977	17,435.5	2.2	10,785.2	2.8	9,917.1	1.7	868.1	16.7	6,650.2	1.3	61.9	8.0	56.9
1978	17,778.8	2.0	11,154.6	3.4	10,220.3	3.1	934.3	7.6	6,624.3	-0.4	62.7	8.4	57.5
1979	18,119.4	1.9	11,536.7	3.4	10,668.6	4.4	868.2	-7.1	6,582.7	-0.6	63.7	7.5	58.9
1980	18,483.5	2.0	11,879.4	3.0	10,984.0	3.0	895.3	3.1	6,604.2	0.3	64.3	7.5	59.4
1981	18,814.4	1.8	12,235.8	3.0	11,305.0	2.9	930.8	4.0	6,578.5	-0.4	65.0	7.6	60.1
1982	19,103.4	1.5	12,301.8	0.5	10,943.7	-3.2	1,358.2	45.9	6,801.6	3.4	64.4	11.0	57.3
1983	19,355.0	1.3	12,527.6	1.8	11,022.0	0.7	1,505.6	10.9	6,827.4	0.4	64.7	12.0	56.9
1984	19,597.9	1.3	12,747.9	1.8	11,301.7	2.5	1,446.2	-3.9	6,850.0	0.3	65.0	11.3	57.7
1985	19,842.7	1.2	13,012.4	2.1	11,627.3	2.9	1,385.1	-4.2	6,830.4	-0.3	65.6	10.6	58.6
1986	20,093.2	1.3	13,272.1	2.0	11,986.6	3.1	1,285.5	-7.2	6,821.1	-0.1	66.1	9.7	59.7
1987	20,348.1	1.3	13,526.0	1.9	12,333.0	2.9	1,193.0	-7.2	6,822.1	0.0	66.5	8.8	60.6
1988	20,612.2	1.3	13,779.1	1.9	12,709.6	3.1	1,069.5	-10.4	6,833.1	0.2	66.8	7.8	61.7
1989	20,898.5	1.4	14,057.0	2.0	12,996.2	2.3	1,060.8	-0.8	6,841.5	0.1	67.3	7.5	62.2
1990	21,214.7	1.5	14,244.6	1.3	13,086.4	0.7	1,158.3	9.2	6,970.1	1.9	67.1	8.1	61.7
1991	21,533.3	1.5	14,336.3	0.6	12,857.4	-1.7	1,479.0	27.7	7,197.0	3.3	66.6	10.3	59.7
1992	21,820.2	1.3	14,336.1	0.0	12,730.9	-1.0	1,605.2	8.5	7,484.0	4.0	65.7	11.2	58.3
1993	22,092.9	1.2	14,435.0	0.7	12,792.7	0.5	1,642.3	2.3	7,657.9	2.3	65.3	11.4	57.9
1994	22,367.7	1.2	14,573.7	1.0	13,058.7	2.1	1,515.0	-7.8	7,794.0	1.8	65.2	10.4	58.4
1995	22,660.0	1.3	14,689.2	0.8	13,295.4	1.8	1,393.8	-8.0	7,970.8	2.3	64.8	9.5	58.7
1996	22,967.1	1.4	14,853.5	1.1	13,421.4	0.9	1,432.2	2.8	8,113.6	1.8	64.7	9.6	58.4
1997	23,255.5	1.3	15,079.1	1.5	13,706.0	2.1	1,373.1	-4.1	8,176.4	0.8	64.8	9.1	58.9
1998	23,522.8	1.1	15,316.3	1.6	14,046.2	2.5	1,270.1	-7.5	8,206.4	0.4	65.1	8.3	59.7
1999	23,786.9	1.1	15,588.3	1.8	14,406.7	2.6	1,181.6	-7.0	8,198.6	-0.1	65.5	7.6	60.6
2000	24,094.2	1.3	15,847.0	1.7	14,764.2	2.5	1,082.8	-8.4	8,247.2	0.6	65.8	6.8	61.3
2001	24,444.3	1.5	16,109.8	1.7	14,946.2	1.2	1,163.6	7.5	8,334.5	1.1	65.9	7.2	61.1
2002	24,797.3	1.4	16,579.3	2.9	15,310.4	2.4	1,268.9	9.0	8,218.0	-1.4	66.9	7.7	61.7
2003	25,106.5	1.2	16,958.5	2.3	15,672.3	2.4	1,286.2	1.4	8,147.9	-0.9	67.5	7.6	62.4
2004	25,443.4	1.3	17,182.3	1.3	15,947.0	1.8	1,235.3	-4.0	8,261.1	1.4	67.5	7.2	62.7
2005	25,805.5	1.4	17,342.6	0.9	16,169.7	1.4	1,172.8	-5.1	8,462.9	2.4	67.2	6.8	62.7
2006	26,185.1	1.5	17,592.8	1.4	16,484.3	1.9	1,108.4	-5.5	8,592.4	1.5	67.2	6.3	63.0
2007	26,553.4	1.4	17,945.8	2.0	16,866.4	2.3	1,079.4	-2.6	8,607.5	0.2	67.6	6.0	63.5

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